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H. RES. 391

Congratulating the University of Illinois Fighting Illini men's tennis team
for its successful season.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 2, 2003

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois submitted the following resolution; which was referred
to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the University of Illinois Fighting Illini men's
tennis team for its successful season.

Whereas the University of Illinois Fighting Illini men's tennis
team concluded its season with a rare Triple Crown, in-
cluding national championships in the team tournament,
singles tournament, and doubles tournament, which were
held at the University of Georgia in Athens;

Whereas the Fighting Illini became the first team that used
three different players in the singles and doubles tour-
naments to capture the Triple Crown of college tennis
since the current NCAA tennis team championship for-
mat began in 1977;

Whereas the Fighting Illini won the first NCAA team cham-
pionship in the history of the University of Illinois tennis

program as well as the first national team title for the university in any sport since 1989;

Whereas the Fighting Illini became the first team, other than the teams of the University of Southern California, Stanford University, the University of California, Los Angeles, and the University of Georgia, to win the national title since the NCAA adopted the current team championship format in 1977;

Whereas the Fighting Illini earned the team's first Intercollegiate Tennis Association National Indoor Championship in February 2003, which propelled the team to the number one ranking where it remained for the entire season;

Whereas the Fighting Illini won their seventh consecutive Big Ten Conference regular-season championship, as well as their sixth Big Ten Tournament crown in the last seven years;

Whereas the Fighting Illini have become the team with the all-time most wins, and the fourth undefeated and untied team in the 84-year history of the University of Illinois men's tennis program; and

Whereas the Fighting Illini team member, Amer Delic, won the first national singles title of the University of Illinois and team members Rajeev Ram and Brian Wilson won the university's second NCAA doubles crown: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) congratulates and recognizes the University
- 3 of Illinois Fighting Illini men's tennis team, coach
- 4 Craig Tiley, and associate head coach Bruce Berque

1 for the team's historic, successful, and monumental
2 season; and

3 (2) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-
4 atives to send, upon passage, an official copy of this
5 Resolution to coach Craig Tiley, assistant coach
6 Bruce Berque, and all other members of the 2003
7 National Championship men's tennis team.

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